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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN SCFP- SATELLITE TRACKING WITH LASER AT
HELWAN OBSERVATORY.

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MOSCOW FOR SCICON

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1. DR. M. FAHIM, DIR, INSTITUTE OF ASTRONOMY AND GEOPHYSICS
ACAD. OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TOLD SCIATT JULY
20 THAT ALL GOE CLEARANCE FOR PROJECT HAVE NOW COME THROUGH
(MFA, ACADEMY, HELWAN UNIV.). DR. MASSEVITCH USSR HAS ALSO RECENTLY
CONCURRED IN USING THE RUSSIAN CAMERAS AT HELWAN OBSERVATORY.
FAHIM IS EXPECTING DR. M. PEARLMAN, SMI/SAO, CAMBRIDGE MASS TO
VISIT IN THE FALL TO FINALIZE DETAILS AND IS NOW ANSWERING
PEARLMAN'S JULY 7 LETTER. EGYPTIANS WOULD LIKE TO SEND TECHNICIAN
TO SAO IN FALL FOR TRAINING AND WANT TO DISCUSS THIS WITH PEARLMAN.

2. EMB. HAS REVIEWED FAHIM'S COPY OF PROPOSAL AND CONCURS.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE SMI FORWARDING PROPOSAL COPY FOR OUR FILE.

3. FYI: FAHIM SAYS THAT DR. MOHAMED ABDEL HADY DIR,
REMOTE SENSING PROJ, IS INTERESTED IN COOPERATING WITH THE
INSTITUTE IN USING LASER TECHNIQUES AND GEOS SATELLITES TO GET
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PRECISE GROUND TOPOGROPHICAL (HEIGHT AND CONTOUR) DATA FOR

QATTARA DEPRESSION MAPPING. OTHER AREAS OF EGYPT COULD ALSO
BE MAPPED. HOWEVER, OBSERVATORIES AT HELWAN AND ABU SIMBEL DO
ONLY DISTANCE RANGING WITH EXISTING USSR SUPPLIED EQP. FAHIM
SAYS "ALTIMETER RECEIVER" WOULD COST ABOUT \$20,000. HE ASKED
IF ANY USG AGENCY WAS INTERESTED IN COOPERATION OR COULD ASSIST.
END FYI. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE IS INTEREST IN THIS PROPOSAL.
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